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1. REFTEL A ADVISED THAT WORK STOPPAGE ON CANADIAN
NORTHEAST WIDEBAND SYSTEM (CNEWS) COULD BEGIN MIDNIGHT
2 SEPTEMBER 1974. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HAS DEVELOPED
A CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR RESTORATION OF SOME HIGH PRIOR-
ITY CIRCUITS. THIS PLAN CALLS FOR ROUTING CIRCUITS
OVER MID-CANADIAN COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, RE-ROUTING
A LIMITED NUMBER OF CIRCUITS THROUGH EUROPE, AND
POSSIBLY DEPLOYING A MILITARY SATELLITE GROUND TERMI-
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NAL TO CAPE DYER.

2. IF UNION REJECTS RECOMMENDATION OF MEDIATOR AND VOTES TO STRIKE, DOD PROPOSES TO SEND 15 AIRMEN TO CNEWS SITES AND ST. JOHN'S TO PROVIDE PHYSICAL SECURITY FOR USAF EQUIPMENT. ACCORDING TO REFTEL B, GOC HAS INDICATED IT WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO 3-4 AIRMEN MANNING EACH SITE FOR SECURITY PURPOSES ONLY. IN SPIRIT OF BMEWS AGREEMENT 13 JULY 1959 (TIAS 4264), REQUEST YOU CONSULT WITH CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AND OBTAIN ITS CONCURRENCE IN POSITIONING 15 AIRMEN AT CNEWS SITES FOR SECURITY PURPOSES.

3. BECAUSE OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE OF SEVERAL CNEWS

CIRCUITS PROVIDING VITAL COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT FOR DEFENSE OF US STRATEGIC RETALIATORY FORCE, ALSO REQUEST YOU CONSULT WITH CANADIAN GOVERNMENT CONCERNING DEPLOYMENT OF TACTICAL MILITARY SATELLITE EARTH TERMINAL TO CAPE DYER. SEVEN US ARMY PERSONNEL WOULD BE USED TO OPERATE TERMINAL. IT IS NOT OUR INTENT TO DEPLOY SATELLITE GROUND TERMINAL UNTIL A STRIKE ACTUALLY OCCURS AND THERE IS A SERVICE DISRUPTION. ACTUAL DATE SATELLITE TERMINAL WOULD BE SENT TO CAPE DYER WOULD BE A MATTER FOR FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH AND AGREEMENT BY GOC IN SPIRIT OF PARA 7 OF 1959 AGREEMENT. IT WOULD, HOWEVER, BE MOST HELPFUL TO DOD IN THE MEANTIME TO HAVE CANADIAN CONCURRENCE IN PRINCIPLE TO DEPLOY SATELLITE TERMINAL TO CAPE DYER. KISSINGER

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